



## WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

Three Large Oakland Dwelling Houses

HOUSES WORTH \$25,000

Owned By J. L. Gallagher the Star Witness in Bribery-Graft Case

SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT

At Perkins and Belmont Streets—The Houses Were Not Yet Occupied—Many Windows Shattered in the Neighborhood.

OAKLAND, May 26.—Three large dwelling houses built by James L. Gallagher, the prosecution's star witness in the bribery graft cases, at Perkins and Belmont streets, in this city, were wrecked by dynamite shortly before midnight tonight. The houses were not yet occupied. A heavy charge of dynamite was placed in the kitchen of the largest of the three houses and threw the buildings completely off their foundations and almost completely wreck them. The houses were shattered while many windows in the neighborhood were broken by the shock. John Rollins, a watchman employed by the contractor building the houses, was sitting in a small shack back of the houses at the time and was thrown to the ground. He stated to Captain of Detectives Peterson that he was through the three buildings shortly before the explosion occurred. It is said that Gallagher was negotiating deal today for sale of the houses for \$25,000.

### ARRIVE AT REDDING.

Automobilist Will Make Trip From San Francisco to Portland.

REDDING, May 26.—Fernando Nelson who left Vallejo this morning at 3 o'clock in a steam automobile in an effort to make time between San Francisco and Portland in 40 hours, arrived here at 12:20 this afternoon and left at 1:45 p. m. They expect to arrive at Medford at 10 o'clock tonight.

### HEPBURN RATE BILL.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Department of Justice today agreed with the coal carrying roads that the case involving the constitutionality of the law which requires railroads owning coal properties to dispose of their holdings before May 1, popularly known as the commodity clause of Hepburn rate bill shall be heard before three federal judges in Philadelphia on June 16 next.

### LITTLE DOING.

Session in Senate Dragged Along in an Unimportant Way.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The session in the Senate dragged along today in such an unimportant way that little effort was required on the part of the managers of the filibuster to occupy the time by dilatory tactics. Conferees on currency bills met during the day and the Senate was merely kept in session in hope something might be done toward substantial progress in the work of closing up the session.

### BASEBALL SCORES.

Pacific Coast League.  
At Portland—San Francisco 4, Portland 0.  
At San Francisco—Los Angeles 10, Oakland 4.

Northwest League.  
At Seattle—Seattle 4, Vancouver 3.  
At Tacoma—Tacoma 1, Aberdeen 6.

### THE LIQUOR EVIL.

GREENSBORO, N. C., May 26.—At yesterday's session of the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly the resolution adopted of 1886 prohibition was affirmed. This decried the liquor evil and "recommends to all our people the use of all legitimate means for its banishment from the land."

### McGOVERN-ROBINSON FIGHT

No Decision—Six Rounds—Robinson Had Best of the Contest.

PHILADELPHIA, May 26.—Terry McGovern and "Spike" Robinson, British featherweight fought six rounds tonight. No decision, but Robinson clearly had the better of it.

## OKLAHOMA FLOOD

Flood Waters Cover Refuge Place ---Drowns Fourteen

### CHILDREN SWEEPED FROM TREE

Two Men Drowned Near Henrietta While Attempting to Leave Home in Skiff—Great Suffering—Trains Still Out of Commission.

OKLAHOMA CITY, May 26.—A special from Collier, Okla., near the Texas line says that 14 persons who had taken refuge on the island forded by the new and old channels of the Red River were drowned late today when the flood waters covered the refuge place. Three children of J. H. Robertson, a ferryman, were carried to death when the river swept away the tree in which they had taken refuge south of Lawton. Two men were drowned near Henrietta while attempting to leave home in a skiff.

### PRESBYTERIAN CONFERENCE.

Study of Bible Should be Given More Attention in Public Schools.

KANSAS CITY, May 26.—Discord entered for the first time in proceedings of general Presbyterian conference while the report of committee on administrative agencies was under consideration. Though a motion to that effect was voted down, it developed there was decided sentiment in favor of re-organization of that committee by changing its personnel. During the report of the committee on colleges dissatisfaction was expressed that the study of the Bible and Christianity was not given more prominence by the public schools of the country.

### STRIKERS LOSING GROUND.

Cleveland Street Cars Again Running on Schedule Time.

CLEVELAND, May 2.—Effectual stop was put to all further efforts at arbitration of the street car strike by a declaration today that the company will arbitrate nothing that might interfere with the men now at work. The union at once declared all negotiations off. Dupont declares the cars are now running on full schedule in the city and is ready to operate in the suburbs as soon as the suburbs are provided with adequate protection.

## STEAMER DANIEL KEARN IN COLLISION WITH FISHBOAT

Young Finn, Henry Tark by Name, Drowns as a Result of the Encounter

LOSES HIS HEAD IN THE SWIFT, ROUGH TIDE

Kearn Blows Call But It Is Unheard in the Head Wind—Jakola, Cousin of Tark, and His Boat-Puller, Escapes to a Boom, From Which He Is Picked Up

THE WIND AND TIDE PROBABLY DEFEATED THE SIGNALS

STORIES OF THE ACCIDENT AS GIVEN BY BOTH PRINCIPLES IN THE UNHAPPY OCCURRENCE—PILOT CHARLES JORDAN AT WHEEL OF KEARN AT THE TIME—REPORTS OF AFFAIR WILL BE DULY FILED—YOUNG TARK HIGHLY RESPECTED AND GENERALLY MOURNED.

Yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, as the towing steamer Daniel Kearn was swinging down the bay en route to the Fort Stevens dock to pick up her rock barges for the usual up-river trip to the quarries, she had the misfortune to collide with a fishing boat that was beating down to the fishing grounds, cutting it clear in two and throwing its occupants into the tide.

Captain W. H. Hobson was in command of the Kearn, and Pilot Charles Jordan was at the wheel at the time. Captain Hobson being below at the moment of impact, whither he had but just gone from the deck. The

story of the sad occurrence as told by Captain Hobson and confirmed by Captain Jordan, is as follows:

The Kearn was running free on the last of the ebb tide and making for the Fort docks to take over the barges which she was to take up the river to the quarries for today's tonnage of rock for the jetty. She was making good time, as usual; the boat was sighted under sail and beating to windward, being then in the port tack; the pilot of the Kearn noted her as being in his path and shifted his wheel to starboard, blowing two short

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## FORCED TO STEAL STEAMER ACCIDENTS

Was the Plea of George Van Brunt

To Deepen Channel of Long Island Sound Entrance

SUSPENDED BY UNIVERSITY

AVERAGE DEPTH TO BE 26 FEET

Boys Returning Home Attempted to Steal Red Light From Building—Pleaded Guilty to Charge of Disorderly Conduct.

Congress Has Appropriated \$250,000 For Work—Most Important Undertaking Since Blowing up of Hell Gate.

NEW YORK, May 26.—A despatch to the Tribune from Ann Arbor, Mich. says:

That he was forced to steal as part of his secret society initiation ritual, was the plea of George Van Brunt, of Kansas City in Justice Doty's court yesterday.

Van Brunt and Thomas C. Wanty of Grand Rapids, spent Sunday in jail. The boys with several companions, were returning home after a session at the pipe and Bowl Club, when a police man says they attempted to steal a red light from a building. He placed Van Brunt under arrest, whereupon the others tried to take him from the officer. After a scrimmage all the students fled, but Wanty was captured.

They were arraigned and pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct. Van Brunt was fined \$50 and costs, and Wanty \$10. Van Brunt has been suspended by the University for one year.

### FRANCE'S RIVAL IN MOROCCO.

PARIS, May 26.—Mulai Hafid, the usurping Sultan of Morocco, is quoted by the correspondent of the Matin as saying that he would if necessary have several German subjects killed in order to secure the intervention of France's rival in Morocco.

NEW YORK, May 26.—To preclude the possibility of such accidents as that which happened to the Metropolitan line steamship H. M. Whitney which has been aground at Flood Rock at Hell Gate, the dangerous Long Island Sound entrance to the port of New York late Sunday, the engineer corps of the United States army will begin early in June the work of deepening the channel at that point. The work must be completed in two years.

The rock which broke the back of the Whitney is the principal menace to navigation. It is only 18 feet under water. When the engineers get through with it it will have been blown away to an average depth of 26 feet, a sufficient depth to accommodate any vessel that may desire to make the passage. The work now to be attempted is the most important in this vicinity since the original blowing up of Hell Gate two decades back. Congress has appropriated \$250,000 for it.

### VARIOUS SUMS GRANTED.

PITTSBURG, May 26.—Various sums from \$400 to \$700 were granted today to the 23 missions in Iowa, Pennsylvania, California and Indiana by the general committee of home missions of the United Presbyterian Church in session here.

### AT WASHINGTON.

Conference on Military Academy Appropriation of Bill Agreed to.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Two floor leaders of the house again today occupied the center of the stage and performed the usual feat of charging each other with responsibility for the conditions at present existing in that body. Payne of New York took occasion to arraign the Democrats for their filibuster and said the Republicans had no apology for their course.

Williams accused by the majority of doing nothing in the present session.

A conference on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to. Among the bills passed today are: promoting the safety of employees on railroads by requiring the equipping of locomotives with ash pans that can be dumped without the employee crawling under the engine, and promoting the safe transportation of explosives.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The Clyde line steamer Seminole which went ashore near Long Branch, N. J., last night was floated at 4:23 this morning, apparently uninjured.

## MORE EVELYN THAW

Withdrew Suit She Instigated for Annulment of Marriage

IS DISMISSED WITHOUT COST

She Withdrew Action Because She Believes Husband's Present Condition Demands Her Continued Loyalty to Him.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw, through her counsel today, withdrew the suit she instituted for the annulment of her marriage with Harry Thaw. The motion for the withdrawal was sanctioned by the referee who had been appointed to take testimony and the case was declared discontinued without costs to either party.

Immediately following the dismissal of the case, Daniel O'Reilly, Mrs. Thaw's lawyer, said that Mrs. Thaw had been an unwilling party to the suit and she took no part in it only because the pressure brought to bear by her husband's relations. She withdrew the action because she believes her husband's present condition demands her continue loyalty to him. O'Reilly declined to give the name of the relative who had brought pressure to bear on Evelyn to bring divorce proceedings.

### GOES TO THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Under suspension of the rules the house yesterday passed the omnibus amending the navigation laws. Among other things it exempts ferry vessels from port duties, provides for the appointment of steamboat inspectors for Hawaii and granting to local inspectors authority to regulate the length of tows of sea-going barges. It now goes to the Senate.

### PRISONERS GO EAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 26.—Deputy United States Marshal Towle left last night with two prisoners for the East. One was Jos. Epstein, an electrician of the third class, from the cruiser California, who is en route to Chicago to face a charge of impersonating a secret service officer and M. W. Church, to Grand Rapids, Mich., on a similar charge.

NEW YORK, May 26.—The White Star Line proposes to place in commission a tadet ship for the training of seamen and officers for its vessels, and has obtained the square rigged Coolie ship Mersey.

## MACEDONIAN SITUATION

Baron Speck Von Sternburg the Ambassador

OFFICIAL GERMAN VIEW

Germany Is Ready At All Times to Consider Any Suitable Proposal

QUESTION OF GREAT INTEREST

Appears That Doubts Are Still Arising Amongst Some Powers With Regard to Germany's Attitude to Balkan Question Says the Baron.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German Ambassador to the United States, has an article in the forthcoming outlook giving an official German view of the Macedonian situation. The ambassador speaks with full personal as well as official information, as he was Germany's agent at Belgrade for some time and made a study there and in Macedonia of existing conditions. He says:

"Owing to the fact that the American press took much interest in a statement I recently made regarding Germany's policy in Macedonia, and, further, that I have received various letters from interested parties asking me to give these statements a wider view, and owing to the fact that from news circulated by a portion of the European press it appears that doubts are still arising among some powers with regard to Germany's attitude to the Balkan questions, a question which at the present moment is of such general interest, permit me to give the following particulars.

"From a general point of view, Germany holds the opinion that the maintenance of the status quo is in the interest of all the powers, Germany agrees with the whole civilized world that the unbearable state of affairs in Macedonia urgently calls for a remedy, and that steps must be taken to put a stop to the continuous blood shed, murder, and outrages there.

"But Germany is convinced that all measures bearing upon this subject will only have a possibility of success if they receive the firm support of all the powers, acting in absolute harmony with each other.

"Germany is ready to consider seriously and favorably any suitable proposal, from whatever side it may come, by which the present state of affairs in Macedonia can be remedied, and is prepared to give her full consent hereto, provided that it meets the consent of the other powers.

"The question, what measure are most suitable? is a matter of discussion. At the first glance it seems doubtful to the German Government if a larger or smaller increase of the police force would give the desired result, but she is far from rejecting this idea ab initio as unfeasible. Germany regards with some skepticism, however, the idea of placing the command of the Turkish troops in the hands of Christian officers, even if this is done by allowing European officers to direct the movement of the troops without their being actually in command of such troops when actually operating.

"In any case, it holds the opinion that the task of elaborating practical measures destined to change or at least to ameliorate the state of af-

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